BY MESSRS. BELUR SRINIVASA IYENGAR (Bangalore Taluk), M. P. SOMASEKHARA RAO (Bangalore City Municipality).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:—

(*a*) Amount spent for purposes of prospecting for coal at Kamasamudra, Bowringpet Taluk.

(*b*) Remuneration received by Mr. Schomberg out of the said amount.

(*c*) The manner in which the balance was expended (with details).

(*d*) The opinion of the experts consulted by Government in this connection.

(*e*) Whether under the proceedings constituting the State Geological Department, prospecting work such as the above, did not fall within the scope of the duties of the said department?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—49. *Vide* answer to Question 20.

BY MR. N. SURAPPA, Inamdars' Association, Bangalore).—

Q.—50. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) In how many Inam villages of the State, the Inamdars' right to excise revenue has been recognised?

(*b*) The names of such villages and the amount due to each of them.

(*c*) (i) Have all such Inamdars been paid? (ii) Are there any to whom payment is still to be made; if so, the reason for the delay in payment?

(*d*) Are there any fresh applications from the Inamdars claiming such right pending before Government?

(*e*) The number of such applications pending and the reasons for the delay as also the names of the Inamdars whose applications are pending.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—50 (*a*) 190.

(*b*) (i) A list is enclosed (*vide* Appendix VIII).

(ii) It is not possible to furnish this information as the amount varies each year.

Note.—An Inam village entitled to excise revenue which has no shop is entitled to tree-tax, only if trees in the village are actually licensed and tapped.

(*c*) (i) Yes. Payment to Inamdars is a recurring one and is made annually after the close of each official year by the local officers.

(ii) Information as to Inamdars whose claims are pending has to be obtained from the districts and taluks in the matter and will be called for.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 3. The records of investigation have been received and are under scrutiny—(examination of document, etc.), in the Excise Commissioner's Office.

The three whose claims are pending consideration are.—

(1) Minor Inamdars of Alkere and Mallenhalli

(2) Inamdar of Alur village, Chitaldrug District

(3) Inamdar of Kodial Karenahalli, Kankanhalli Taluk.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. N. Surappa.—

I would like to know why Bairenahalli and Dandenhalli have not been included in the list referred to in the sub-division (*b*) (*i*).

Dewan.—

We will enquire into the matter.

Mr. Surappa.—

When our claims are recognised, is it right that limitation should be made to apply to our cases?

Dewan.—

It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthy Rao.--

If an Inamdar dies, the records are filed and no notice is taken of his previous representation. There are many cases belonging to Inamdars which have been lying unnoticed like this. Will the Government bring out those records and make special investigation?

Dewan.—

If representations are made, the Government will make enquiries.